

REMARKS

This application was allowed in the Office Action mailed September 16, 2004.

The issue fee has not been paid. An Examiner's Amendment was entered prior to allowing the claims and its previous entry is reflected in the listing of the claims.

Subsequent to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants noted that in the Examiner's Amendment the Examiner had directed that "comprising" at line 5 of claim 1 be changed to -- wherein --. The direction to amend line 5 appears to have inadvertently transposed the terms "comprising" and "wherein," because the change proposed for the Examiner's Amendment and approved by Applicants was to replace "wherein" at line 5 with -- comprising --. Further, claim 1 recited "wherein" at line 5, but did not recite "comprising." The changes to claim 1 proposed by the Examiner were solely to improve the readability of claim 1. Unless "wherein" is replaced by -- comprising --, however, the improvement to the readability of claim 1 is lost. As claim 1 reads currently, the subordinating conjunction "wherein" does not fit grammatically with the gerunds added in the Examiner's amendment ("dry grinding," "separating or obtaining, "agglomerating," and "compressing"), whereas the term "comprising" makes sense in that context.

The requested amendment is fully supported by the specification, will not require an additional search, and does not raise new issues. Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered and the requested change made.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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